

## The Brady Brief - Retroactive Stop Loss Payments

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Service members whose service was extended under stop loss orders in Iraq and Afghanistan have until December 3rd, 2010 to apply for retroactive pay. Troops eligible for retroactive pay will receive \$500 a month for each month their service was extended. The Defense Department estimates that while 145,400 troops are eligible, and only 58,000 claims have been paid out so far.

In 2009, Congress passed H.R. 2346, the War Supplemental Appropriations Act to compensate our service members for tours that were involuntarily extended in Iraq and Afghanistan. I proudly voted for this bill because allows troops whose service was involuntarily extended between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009 to file claims in order to receive retroactive pay if eligible. The average benefit is \$3,800.

For more information or to submit a claim please visit www.defense.gov/stoploss www.defense.gov/stoploss.

If you have any questions about your veterans' benefits or any other issue, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Brady Member of Congress

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